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2017 BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE PROGRAM INVITATION

At John Tonkin College we’re always striving for excellence. Our core business centers on achieving excellent outcomes for the students, excellent teaching practice and excellence in the delivery of the curriculum.

Technology has increasingly enabled students and staff to benefit from the ever-present access to information and resources to enhance and strengthen the learning journey for students.

In 2016 we introduced our BYOD program to a number of student groups across the school. This managed rollout has enabled us to resolve the minor issues that arise when something new is introduced and monitor the popularity of the concept within the context of our school.

As a result of the successes we’ve had and the positive outcomes being observed by the staff and realised by the students, in 2017 every student at JTC will have the opportunity to participate. It also means that John Tonkin College will be the first and only public secondary school in Mandurah to have created this school wide opportunity for its students.

Where possible we will be encouraging every student to have a BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) for use within their learning programs. However for those that don’t we will also have IT resources available at the point of need as determined by your child’s individual teachers.

You will have received information via post and electronically via our ‘School Bag’ app, as well as via the post to help you identify the most suitable type of device for your child.

You can also find information by visiting the John Tonkin College website at http://johntonkincollege.wa.edu.au/ Once you arrive, look for the ‘School Bag’ button on the home page. This will take you to an information page that explains how to download the app for each of the major device platforms. Using School Bag really is the best way to be kept informed about the latest of everything that’s happening at John Tonkin College. You are always welcome to contact the College and ask for assistance at any time.

From the Principal

As we race towards the end of the school year, I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone in the JTC community for your contribution to life at JTC throughout the year.

This is the end of our 5th year as John Tonkin College, so next year we will celebrate turning 5! We will kick this off with our Y7-11 Awards Night and Picnic Under the Stars to be held on Friday 17 February, so put the date in your diary now!

This year we will be farewelling some long term staff members and I would like to take this opportunity to wish them the best. Lyn Smith has worked at the Tindale Campus Canteen for 29 years and has been the Canteen Manager for many of them. At the end of this year, Lyn will be retiring and we will miss her! Marion Palmer has been the Head of Arts at JTC, was a foundation staff member for Mandurah Senior College and prior to this a Mandurah High School teacher. Marion has well and truly made a long term impact at this school and we wish her the best as she takes on new challenges.

Our Year 12s celebrated their Valedictory ceremony on 22 November. They are the foundation students of John Tonkin College and we wish them all the best for the future. Award winners are listed in this newsletter.

A new set of leaders has emerged in Year 7-9 this term and I would like to congratulate them for taking on the roles of Team Captains. Their job has been to work with their team (class) to improve behaviours relating to our college values of Excellence, Respect and Commitment. This initiative will continue in 2017 with new opportunities emerging to build leadership skills in all students.

With the long holidays nearly upon us, I encourage you to look for opportunities within the community to keep everyone occupied in safe and enjoyable activities.

Kim Savins, Principal
With the school holidays approaching and students having increased free time, this is a great opportunity for your children to engage in positive activities and relationships. However, if you find yourself needing support for your children’s well-being/health, we would like to offer you the contact information for different support agencies. Additionally, there are numerous services listed on the John Tonkin College Website under the Student Services tab, “Where to get help” option.

Warm Regards,
JTC Student Services Team

Christmas break Activities and Health/Well-being Services.

- **Billy Dower Youth Centre**- School Holiday activities and support- 41 Dower Street, 9550 3670
- **Peel Youth Medical Services** – Free service for young people aged 12 – 25. PYMS offer youth friendly GP’s, Sexual Health Nurse, Pathology, and Psychological support. Located upstairs at the Billy Dower Youth Centre - 41 Dower St, Mandurah 9583 5435 Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm.
- **Peel Youth Services** – free support for young people and their families. They offer a family support worker and group programs – 9581 3365
- **Websites** which provide mental health and general youth information:

COLLEGE CONTACT NUMBERS

Some of our college telephone numbers have changed. Please use the following telephone numbers when contacting the college;

- **Tindale Campus** (Years 7-9) Ph: 9535 0100 Fax: 9535 0175
- **MET Campus** (Years 10-12) Ph: 9583 7373 Fax: 9583 7360

INTERSCHOOL CARNIVAL

On Wednesday JTC competed in the interschool athletics 7-10 Gold carnival. We sent nearly 40 students who represented the school positively and with excellent sportsmanship.

Many students performed outstandingly with students finishing 1st 2nd or 3rd in over 30 events. Special mention to Liam McLenaghan in year 7 who represented the year 10 team in 400m, 100m and the relay.

Top honours go to Jack Wicks in year 9 who was crowned champion boy with top performances in 100m and 200m finals. Zoey Torrent also performed exceptionally well in her events.

Website Confusion

When looking for information from our website, please ensure that you are not looking at the John Tonkin College Education Support Centre site. This has caused some confusion this term.

NEWS FROM THE STUDIO...

2016 has been a year of exciting change for the Music Department. Pupils from Y7 to Y10 have been cranking up the amps and banging on the drums as they worked their way through brand new programs that have gotten everyone involved. Next year, is set to see this develop further with the addition of a new Music Technology Lab at the MET campus that will allow students to get creative and produce their own songs.

Many talented students have taken to the stage at JTC, MPAC and Relay for Life and special mention needs to go to Meghan Simmonds and Brooke Bugeja for their fantastic debut performance as a duet this year.

Music is a fantastic way to develop so many vital skills and it’s so much fun. So, if you want to be getting creative and make some noise, be sure to join one of the music clubs to develop your music making skills further. Our JTC choir meet every Wednesday after school and keyboard club/band practice is on at lunchtimes. All you have to do is see Miss Dickinson in C17 if you are interested.

If you would like to learn either the Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Guitar or Drums we have awesome teachers that visit the school each week to teach you to become an expert! Be quick though as spaces are limited. If this is something you would like to do see Miss Dickinson.
Tindale Campus News

Tindale students have had an enjoyable end of the term by participating in well deserved end of year reward events and excursions.

Congratulations to the teachers and students who worked so hard to create a wonderful float for the Mandurah Christmas Pageant. The end result was fantastic and a great time was had by all. Thank you to parents, teachers, students and community members who came along to support the JTC students during their parade.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all students, parents and community members.

Donna Heath, Associate Principal

**YEAR 7 RUGBY COMPETITION**

Some of our year 7 boys recently participated in a rugby league competition.

All boys played with excellent sportsmanship and represented the school positively. JTC continued its great results in rugby league competitions this year finishing in 3rd place. Well done to all students involved.

**STEP-A-THON FUNDRAISER**

On Friday the 14th of October, 35 year 7 students from John Tonkin College were invited to participate in the first ever Step-A-Thon in Mandurah.

The Step-A-Thon is a new and innovative event that aims to raise awareness about the benefits of healthy nutritional choices and leading an active lifestyle by involving schools and raising funds.

On the day of the event the students participated in a series of activities, from football to busting a burpee, with the purpose of having fun and being active. In addition to this the year 7 students, with the help of their sponsors managed to raise an incredible amount. All money raised from the event will go back into school based programs that focus on improving the mental and physical wellbeing of children and young people. Huge thanks to all the year 7’s who participated and helped advocate the healthy lifestyle. Great work!

**MORRISBY CAREER TESTING 2016**

Empowering young people to make informed choices about their future

Year nine students at our JTC Tindale campus recently completed their Morrisby Career Testing. 180 students demonstrated maturity and commitment as they worked through the three-hour test.

Morrisby is a rigorous psychometric test which matches a young person’s problem solving strengths and thinking skills to specific career pathways. For many young people, making decisions about careers and senior school pathways can be difficult and confusing. Questions we often hear include: Should I do my ATAR or General Studies? Do I need to go to TAFE or University to get the job I want? What career would suit me? The information provided to students and their families based on the Morrisby testing is highly relevant as our year nines transition through to year ten at the senior campus – the time when they need to make informed decisions about their future.

Students and their families were invited to attend a twenty minute follow-up interview, during which students received their detailed, individualised report based on the results of their testing. The feedback from year nine students in regards to the Morrisby Career Testing has again been overwhelmingly positive this year, with many saying it has helped them to clarify their direction as they move forward into senior school. Students will use their Morrisby Career Testing results as part of their studies in year ten AVID, when they will continue to research and prepare their individual pathway plans.

**PACE TRANSITION**

Over the past three weeks students from various schools have participated in a transition program to allow them to have a taste of middle schooling before they make the “leap” next year.

Mr Farbey utilised the skills of the Year 7 and 8 PACE students to support the younger newly enrolled PACE people in the woodworking room. Ms Davies thrilled the boys with her science experiment and they also had the opportunity to meet Mr Hayes and explore JTC’s Maritime Centre. Miss Amanda and Miss Masina have been a huge help to the students and staff. Everyone involved has had a fantastic experience. Smiles all round.
YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY

On Tuesday JTC said goodbye to their Class of 2016 year 12 students. The day started with a breakfast provided by JTC staff. Students and staff were able to have a final farewell together. Students later met at the Mandurah performing arts to rehearse for the big show to be presented in the evening. The rehearsal was effective because students were on show for two hours during which time they demonstrated behaviours in keeping with the Values of John Tonkin College.

Many students were identified as subject and/or major prize winners and subject top students. Thanks to our loyal sponsors many students were awarded monetary rewards for their educational efforts. The event was extremely well supported by Parents and friends of the students completing their Year 12 studies. Thank you to our sponsors who make this event extremely valuable in the lives of our students and to the staff who have assisted the students in their quest for education.

**Special award Sponsors**
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**Subject award Sponsors**
Main Peak, Slatter Gattrell, Mandurah Bus Charters, Mandurah Historical Society, Coastal Business Equipment, David Templeman, Southern Sheet Works, Country Women’s association, Pirouette Dance supplies, Play’s Kool, Halls Head Community Bank of Bendigo Bank, RSM, Dive Locker, Fine Photos, Hot Klobba, Lions Club of Mandurah, Mandurah Bus Charters, Mandurah Outboards, Mandurah Toyota, PLE Computers, Zonta Club of Peel

STUDENT PARKING – MOPEDS AND CARS

Any student of legal driving age, who intends to drive a vehicle or ride a moped or motorbike to, and park at the college, on a regular basis or occasionally, must comply with the College Policy and guidelines and is required to complete the **Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form**.

They will be issued with a Parking Permit. Parking privileges may be revoked in the event of unsafe driving. The form can be found on the college website or MET Student Services.
Community News

**Would $500 help you pay for school costs like uniforms, books, excursions, tutoring, a tablet or laptop?**

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Year**

From all the staff at John Tonkin College

**TERM DATES FOR STUDENTS 2017**

Term 1 Wednesday 1 February – Friday 7 April
Term 2 Wednesday 26 April – Friday 30 June
Term 3 Tuesday 18 July – Friday 22 September

**All-Terrain Wheelchair**

The All-Terrain wheelchair allows members of the community to have year round access to our beautiful beaches, bush tracks and walkways.

It weighs just 171g and is fully collapsible, making it easily transportable in most vehicles.

The maximum weight limit for the chair is 130kg.

This is a City of Mandurah Access and Inclusion Advisory Group initiative in partnership with Mandurah Community Care.

Bookings essential - loan for FREE from inside the Mandurah Visitor Centre.

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